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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed July 9, 2002 (Paper No.34). A Notice of Appeal was filed on January 9, 2003, which was received by the Office on January 16, 2003. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for Five-Month Extension of Time along with the required fees. The extension would bring the due date for filing an RCE to August 16, 2003. Therefore, this communication is timely filed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including a clean set of all Pending Claims is attached following Page 7 of this paper.